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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED L-100-20 AIRCRAFT FOR PERUVIAN MINISTRY
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1. AS FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE, THE L-100-20 CARGO AIRCRAFT NOW IN PERU ARE USED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF NON-MILITARY CARGO, PRINCIPALLY IN SUPPORT OF PETROLEUM EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES IN JUNGLE OF EASTERN PERU. MUCH OF THIS EFFORT IS IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF FOODSTUFFS AND HOUSEHOLD ESSENTIALS FROM LIMA TO IQUITOS. WITH ONLY THREE L-100-20 AIRCRAFT THE PERUVIAN AIR FORCE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO SATISFY ITS AIRLIFT REQUIRMENTS, AND HAS BEEN CONSIDERING CONTRACTUAL ARRANGMENTS FOR THE SHORT TIERM. THESE AIRCRAFT ARE ALSO USED TO TRANSPORT URGENTLY NEEDED PARTS AND EQUIPMENT FROM THE U.S. AND EUROPE, AND ARE SOMETIMES USED TO HAUL LIVESTOCK TO PERU.

2. AIRCRAFT ARE UNDER CONTROL OF PERUVIAN AIR FORCE AND AS SUCH EMBASSY CANNOT PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT THE AIRCRAFT MAY HAVE BEEN USED AT SOME TIME FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. NORMALLY, HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT; C-47, DC-6, DC-4 AND BUFFALO TYPE AIRCRAFT ARE NORMALLY USED FOR THOSE PURPOSES.

3. THE L-100-20 CARGO AIRCRAFT IS NEITHER AN OFFENSIVE NOR
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DEFENSIVE WEAPON SYSTEM. OBVIOUSLY IT COULD BE USED BOTH

OFFENSIVELY AND DEFENSIVELY, BUT BASED ON PRESENT USAGE AND
KNOWN TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS, EMBASSY STAFF BELIEVES GOP
INTENDS TO USE THE AIRCRAFT PRIMARILY FOR DEVELOPMENT. REVENUES
EARNED BY THE AIRCRAFT SHOULD MORE THAN PAY FOR THEM.
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